

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A computer supported plate making method comprising:

a coordinate layout numbering step, based on an original  
5 document or an instruction received from a client, of  
allocating for a page creation area screen the location  
and the size of character data and/or image data, which  
are represented by specific blocks using absolute coordinates,  
and of adding layout numbers to corresponding character  
10 data and/or image data;

a character data input step of entering the character  
data to which the layout number has been added, and of creating,  
for each of the blocks represented by the absolute values,  
a file that includes information for a font type, a printing  
15 color and a size (Q's); and

an image data input step of reading the image data  
to which the layout number has been added and defining the  
image data as files corresponding to the layout numbers,  
whereby, based on proofread letters, a correction is  
20 performed for each of the files.

2. A computer supported plate making method according  
to claim 1, whereby, for a correction based on proofreading  
letters, a file copy of an original file for which a layout  
number has been provided is corrected, and during the  
25 inspection, to easily perform a comparison, the original  
file and the corrected file copy are superimposed on each  
other on a corresponding block.

3. A computer supported plate making method according

to claim 2, whereby, to perform comparison more easily,  
the original file and the file copy are displayed in different  
colors.

4. A computer supported plate making method according  
5 to claim 2 or 3, whereby, to perform comparison more easily,  
the original file and the file copy are slightly displaced  
relative to each other, and are superimposed on each other  
on display.

5. A computer supported plate making method according  
10 to one of claims 1 to 4, whereby the steps of a plate making  
process, including the coordinate allocation numbering step,  
the character data input step, the image data input step  
and the proofreading based correction step, are provided  
as a computer program.